Cosmological gravitational particle production of massive spin-2 particles

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Problem

- Massive spin-2 particles is a DM candidate: arXiv:1607.03497.
- Previously, no comprehensive work on how it can be produced gravitationally.
- How does it differ from other CGPP scenarios?



Gravitational particle production

Gravitational particle production

Cosmological expansion Time-dependent Lagrangian Fine-dependent effective frequency Foundation $ds^{2} = a(\eta)^{2}(-d\eta^{2} + d\mathbf{x}^{2}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L} = a^{2} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\eta} \phi)^{2} - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^{2} - \frac{1}{2} a^{2} m^{2} \phi^{2} \right]$

$$\beta_{k}|^{2} = \frac{\omega_{k} \left| a \tilde{\phi}_{k} \right|^{2}}{2} + \frac{\left| \partial_{\eta} (a \tilde{\phi}_{k}) \right|^{2}}{2\omega_{k}} - \frac{1}{2} \longleftarrow [\partial_{\eta}^{2} - \nabla^{2} + a^{2}(\eta) m_{\text{eff}}^{2}(\eta)](a\phi) = 0$$

$$n_k(\eta) = a(\eta)^{-3} \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} |\beta_k|^2$$
 particle production!

Birrell & Davies (1982), Parker & Toms (2009), L H Ford (2021), ...

Inflation: where GPP happens

- Why inflation:
 - Significant particle production due to rapid change in scale factor
 - We know the field's initial condition during inflation (aka Bunch-Davies initial condition)



Figure due to Anupam Mazumdar

Massive spin-2 particles from bigravity

Bigravity: mass eigen modes

- Expand two metrics around same background
- Mass eigen modes can be identified: one massless, one massive



Bigravity: spin-2 dofs

- Massless spin-2: 2 dofs (2 tensor modes, +/x)
- Massive spin-2: 2s+1=5 dofs (2 tensor & 2 vector & 1 scalar modes)
- Massless / massive modes decouple at quadratic order

$$S = \int d^4x \left[\sqrt{-\bar{g}} \,\bar{\mathcal{L}}(\bar{g}, \bar{\phi}) + \sqrt{-\bar{g}} \,\mathcal{L}_{\text{massless}}^{(2)} + \sqrt{-\bar{g}} \,\mathcal{L}_{\text{massive}}^{(2)} + \text{interactions} \right]$$
$$\frac{u_{\mu\nu}}{M_*} = \frac{h_{\mu\nu}}{M_f} + \frac{k_{\mu\nu}}{M_g}, \qquad \frac{v_{\mu\nu}}{M_*} = \frac{h_{\mu\nu}}{M_g} - \frac{k_{\mu\nu}}{M_f}$$

Massive spin-2 Lagrangian ("Minimal" theory)

- Massive spin-2 action: the same as GW action plus a Fierz-Pauli mass term
- Couples with inflaton perturbations

$$\mathcal{L}_{vv}^{(2)} = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\lambda} v_{\mu\nu} \nabla^{\lambda} v^{\mu\nu} + \nabla_{\mu} v^{\nu\lambda} \nabla_{\nu} v^{\mu}{}_{\lambda} - \nabla_{\mu} v^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\nu} v + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mu} v \nabla^{\mu} v$$

$$+ \left(\bar{R}_{\mu\nu} - M_{P}^{-2} \nabla_{\mu} \bar{\phi} \nabla_{\nu} \bar{\phi} \right) \left(v^{\mu\lambda} v_{\lambda}{}^{\nu} - \frac{1}{2} v^{\mu\nu} v \right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} m^{2} \left(v^{\mu\nu} v_{\mu\nu} - v^{2} \right)$$

$$Fierz-Pauli mass term$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{v\varphi_{v}}^{(2)} = M_{P}^{-1} \left[\left(\nabla_{\mu} \bar{\phi} \nabla_{\nu} \varphi_{v} + \nabla_{\nu} \bar{\phi} \nabla_{\mu} \varphi_{v} \right) \left(v^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} v \right) - V'(\bar{\phi}) \varphi_{v} v \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\varphi_{v}\varphi_{v}}^{(2)} = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mu} \varphi_{v} \nabla^{\mu} \varphi_{v} - \frac{1}{2} V''(\bar{\phi}) \varphi_{v}^{2}$$

$$Spin-2 couples with inflaton perturbations$$

Scalar-Vector-Tensor decomposition

- Decompose the metric perturbation into spatial scalars, vectors and tensor.
- Degrees of freedom: 2 for tensor, 2 for vector, 1 for scalar.
- SVT sectors decouple at quadratic order.

$$v_{00} = a^{2}E, \quad v_{0i} = a^{2}(\partial_{i}F + G_{i}), \quad v_{ij} = a^{2}(\delta_{ij}A + \partial_{i}\partial_{j}B + \partial_{i}C_{j} + \partial_{j}C_{i} + D_{ij})$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{massive}^{(2)} = \mathcal{L}_{tensor}^{(2)}(D_{ij}, \cdots) + \mathcal{L}_{vector}^{(2)}(G_{i}, C_{i}, \cdots) + \mathcal{L}_{scalar}^{(2)}(A, B, E, F, \cdots)$$

SVT decomposition of Lagrangian

- Spin-2 dofs: 2 tensor & 2 vector & 1 scalar
- In the scalar sector, the spin-2 dof (B) is mixed with inflaton perturbation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{tensor},\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} a^2 \left[\tilde{D}'_{ij} \tilde{D}'_{ij} - (k^2 + a^2 m^2) \tilde{D}_{ij} \tilde{D}_{ij} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{vector},\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} = \frac{a^4 k^2 m^2}{k^2 + a^2 m^2} |\tilde{C}'_i|^2 - a^4 k^2 m^2 |\tilde{C}_i|^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar},\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} = K_{\varphi} |\tilde{\varphi}'_v|^2 - M_{\varphi} |\tilde{\varphi}_v|^2 + K_B |\tilde{B}'|^2 - M_B |\tilde{B}|^2 + L_2 \tilde{\varphi}_v^{*'} \tilde{B}' + L_1 \tilde{\varphi}_v^{*} \tilde{B}' - L_0 \tilde{\varphi}_v^{*} \tilde{B}$$
coupled

Generalized Higuchi bound

- The theory has a lower bound on mass m, below which the scalar sector solution constains a ghost with wrong sign kinetic term
- Higuchi: derived the bound for de-Sitter (the Higuchi bound)
- This work: derived the bound for FRW

$$m^2 > m_H^2(\eta) = 2H^2 + 2a^{-1}H' = 2H(\eta)^2 [1-\epsilon]$$

$$L_{S,\boldsymbol{k}} = K_{\varphi} \, |\tilde{\hat{\varphi}}_{v}'|^{2} - M_{\varphi} \, |\tilde{\hat{\varphi}}_{v}|^{2} + K_{B} \, |\tilde{B}'|^{2} - M_{B} \, |\tilde{B}|^{2} + L_{2} \, \tilde{\hat{\varphi}}_{v}^{*\prime} \tilde{B}' + L_{1} \, \tilde{\hat{\varphi}}_{v}^{*} \tilde{B}' - L_{0} \, \tilde{\hat{\varphi}}_{v}^{*} \tilde{B}$$

A. Higuchi (1987), Forbidden mass range for spin-2 field theory in de Sitter spacetime

Results / Constraints

Number density ("Minimal" theory)

- Low-k modes have k^3 power law. (driven by superhorizon dynamics)
- High-k modes have k^(-3/2) or k^(-9/2) power law depending on mass of spin-2 particle. (driven by φφ -> χχ or φφφ -> χχ scattering channels after inflation)

$$n_k(\eta) = a(\eta)^{-3} \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} |\beta_k|^2$$



Relic abundance ("Minimal" theory)

- Assuming reheating temperature of 10^5 GeV
- Sharp drop at reddashed line because φφ -> χχ scattering channel becomes kinetically forbidden



Constraints ("Minimal" theory)

• Gray zone excluded due to overproduction of DM

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Summary

- Superheavy spin-2 particles can be gravitationally produced during inflation.
- CGPP is a valid production mechanism for massive spin-2 DM.
- Aside: We find a generalized Higuchi bound for the massive spin-2 in FRW.



Extra slides

Inflaton perturbations



Number density ("Nonminimal" theory)



Relic abundance ("Nonminimal" theory)

Assuming reheating temperature 10^5 GeV



Constraints ("Nonminimal" theory)





Formulas

$$\Omega h^{2} \approx 0.12 \left(\frac{m}{10^{10} \text{ GeV}}\right) \left(\frac{H_{e}}{10^{10} \text{ GeV}}\right) \left(\frac{T_{\text{RH}}}{10^{8} \text{ GeV}}\right) \left(\frac{a^{3}n}{a_{e}^{3} H_{e}^{3}}\right) \bigvee$$
$$V(\bar{\phi}) = \frac{m_{\phi}^{2} v^{2}}{72} \left(1 - \frac{\bar{\phi}^{6}}{v^{6}}\right)^{2}$$
$$\lim_{\eta \to -\infty} \tilde{\chi}(\eta, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k}} e^{-ik\eta}$$

Formulas

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{vv}^{(2)} &= -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\lambda} v_{\mu\nu} \nabla^{\lambda} v^{\mu\nu} + \nabla_{\mu} v^{\nu\lambda} \nabla_{\nu} v^{\mu}_{\ \lambda} - \nabla_{\mu} v^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\nu} v + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mu} v \nabla^{\mu} v \\ &+ \left(\bar{R}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} M_{P}^{-2} \left(\nabla_{\mu} \bar{\phi} \nabla_{\nu} \bar{\phi} + \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} \bar{\mathcal{L}}(\bar{g}, \bar{\phi}) \right) \right) v^{\mu\lambda} v_{\lambda}^{\nu} \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{R}_{\mu\nu} + M_{P}^{-2} \left(\nabla_{\mu} \bar{\phi} \nabla_{\nu} \bar{\phi} + \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} \bar{\mathcal{L}}(\bar{g}, \bar{\phi}) \right) \right) v^{\mu\nu} v \\ &- \frac{1}{2} m^{2} \left(v_{\mu\nu} v^{\mu\nu} - v^{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

